

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Figures 2B and 3B have been amended to recite that the license files are transmitted or renewed without notifying the user.

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

## **I. Status of the Claims**

Claim 10 was previously cancelled.

Claims 1, 7, 12, 19, 20, and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 13-18, and 21 have been amended and the amendments do not add new matter.

Claim 23 has been added and does not add new matter. Support for this amendment is in the Specification, page 13, line 17 to page 14, line 11.

Claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, 13-18, 21 and 23 are pending in the application.

## II. Telephone Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for all of the courtesies extended in the interview on February 17, 2006. Applicants and Examiner discussed the claims and the Specification and agreed upon the elements in new claim 23. Further, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 were addressed and was agreed upon that the phrase “without notifying a user” has proper support in the claims and the Specification.

Further, the Examiner commented that some of the elements listed in claims 2 and 13 do not have support in the Specification. Applicants respectfully disagree. All of the elements find support in the Specification, at least on page 5, lines 4-19; page 6, lines 2-5; and page 7, lines 4-8.

### **III. Status of the Specification and Drawings**

The Specification and Figures 2B and 3B have been amended to recite that steps 216 and 320 are performed “without notifying a user.” The steps embody “transmission” and “renewal” of license files “without notifying a user.”

### **IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph have been addressed by the amendments in the current and previous response dated December 22, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

### **V. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Applicants submit that the rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been addressed by the current amendments. None of the prior art of record teaches or suggests storing on the user computer the information regarding the content in a local database, storing the license file in a license store, and storing the date in a registry. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below once he has reviewed the proposed amendment if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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